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Friday, January 4, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We are writing to express our feelings in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. We support Microsoft in this dispute. We have seen the great positive impactful benefit that Microsoft has had on American Business with our own eyes... by adding to business productivity.

We are writing you today to urge you to do your part to stop further action against Microsoft at the federal level.

Specifically, Microsoft has agreed to be monitored by a technical committee to ensure its compliance with the settlement. In our opinion, this is the most important term of the agreement. Additionally, Microsoft will share information and parts of its software coding with competitors to increase compatibility with its Windows operating system, and revamp its marketing and licensing practices to increase competition.

We sincerely hope that there will be no further action against Microsoft at the federal level. Please support the Microsoft settlement. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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We wish you and yours a prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,

cc: Representative Steve Chabot